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In response to the Discussion Draft of Proposed Changes to Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines Incorporating Tribal Cultural Resources (dated November 11, 2015):

I support Alternative 1. As presented on page 5 of the discussion draft, Alternative 1 is the addition to the Cultural Resources checklist of: "e) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a Tribal Cultural Resource as defined in Public Resources Code § 21074?"

I support Alternative 1 because it is consistent with questions (a) and (b) of the existing Cultural Resources checklist regarding a historical resource or archaeological resource. Like Alternative 1(e), questions (a) and (b) provide the pertinent regulatory source that defines the types of cultural resources to be considered. Like Alternative 1(e), questions (a) and (b) do not provide a lengthy description of what constitutes a historical or archaeological resource, as the reference to the pertinent statute is sufficient.

I particularly do not support Alternative 3, as presented on page 6 of the discussion draft. As tribal cultural resources (TCRs) are cultural resources, creating a separate category for TCRs is unnecessarily complicated and confusing.

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